

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment the Claims under consideration are 1-35, 40-41, 43, 46, 54 and 57-59. Claims 44, 45 and 47 are cancelled hereby. Claims 57-59 are added hereby.

The Office Action of 07 October 2005 has required restriction between the Claims of Group I (Claims 1-35) drawn to a composite web, the Claims of Group II (Claims 36-54) drawn to a method of producing a web and the Claims of Group III (Claims 55-56) drawn to a disposable absorbent article.

Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-35, drawn to an article of manufacture, with traverse. Applicants respectfully urge that the Office Action is in error and has not properly set forth evidence of distinctiveness nor offered reasons and analysis conforming to the proper requirements of MPEP §806.05.

Applicants have further amended 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, and 31 to change "elastomer" to -elastomeric stripes- to establish proper antecedent basis for the Claims.

Claims 40, 41, 43, 46, and 54, have been amended to depend from independent Claim 1.

Per the advise to applicants of MPEP §821.04, independent method Claim 36, withdrawn per the current election, has also been amended to depend from independent Claim 1 for consideration of later rejoinder of the method claims. As noted in MPEP §806.05(h): "All restriction requirements between a product and a process of using the product should be followed by form paragraph 8.21.04 to notify the applicant that if a product claim is found allowable, process claims that depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of the patentable product may be rejoined."

New Claim 57 was further added to more particularly point out the coalesced nature of the elastomer add on. News Claim 58 and 59 were further added to more particularly point out the fluid permeable nature of the elastomer add on.

Request For Telephonic Interview

Applicant intends to be fully responsive to the Office Action. The Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney (per the provisions of M.P.E.P. §713) to discuss any concerns of the Office or to suggest solutions in defining the present invention in order to expedite the case towards allowance.

No fee is believed to be owing for the addition of Claims 57-59, as the total number of Claims has not changed.

Favorable consideration is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roland W. Norris". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Roland" and last name "Norris" clearly distinguishable.

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